

I am writing in to oppose ARRL proposal RM-10867 which requests a no-code entry level phone license for amateur radio. Although I am an ARRL member, I believe that amateur radio will not be well served by eliminating the Morse Code requirement. Morse Code is the most reliable form of communication in case of emergencies and can be sent with the simplest possible radio. The continual effort by certain groups to eliminate the code requirement or reduce the sending speed needed to pass exams encourages the elimination of this important and traditional transmission mode. It invites people into the hobby that are not adequately trained and are not inclined to use amateur radio for public service purposes. The ARRL did not adequately poll its members about this issue, so this proposal does not reflect what the amateur community wants. In fact the ARRL has seriously failed its membership in this respect. I encourage you to dismiss this proposal and any others that seek the elimination of the Morse Code requirement for amateur radio.